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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

Osamu KOMURA, et al. :

Serial No.: 09/744,160 :

Group Art Unit: 2834

Filed: March 15, 2001 :

Examiner: LE, Dang D.

For: BEARING STRUCTURES, SPINDLE MOTORS, AND HARD DISK DRIVES

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The following Amendments and Remarks are filed in response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2002.

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IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please delete the abstract of the disclosure and insert the new abstract of the disclosure, on an attached separate sheet, in its place.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please rewrite the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 5 as follows:

B' --The electrostatic charge, if it is accumulated to a certain extent, can cause an electrostatic discharge between, for example, the disc section 110 and the head section 120 of the HDD (see Fig. 10). This may in turn damage the head assemblies 121, the storage media 90, and other HDD components. The same problem can occur in other bearings such as magnetic and